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Remarks/ Arguments

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1, and 3-8, and the allowability of Claims 12, 13, and 19. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of the remaining Claims in view of the amendments set forth above.

Claims 1 and 3 – 20 remain.

Claims 1 and 3 – 8 are allowed.

Claims 9 – 11, 14 – 18, and 20 have been rejected.

Claims 12, 13, and 19 are objected-to.

Claims 12 and 19 are being cancelled.

Claim 2 was previously cancelled.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 9 to include the features of former objected-to Claim 12, which has now been cancelled. Additionally, independent Claim 16 has been amended to include the features of former objected-to Claim 19, which has also now been cancelled. Claims 9 – 11, 14 – 18, and 20 should now be in condition for allowance.

No new matter has been added; the claims have been merely amended to more particularly claim the subject matter Applicants believe is inventive. Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims as they now stand are patentably distinct over the art cited during the prosecution thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests a Third Month Extension of Time to file this Response. Enclosed with this paper is Form PTO/SB/22 with Extension Fees in the amount of \$1020.00.

With the addition of no new claims, no additional filing fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 20-0821 of Thompson & Knight LLP.

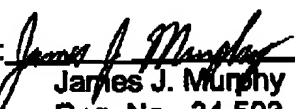
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (214) 969 - 1749.

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